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1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEEKEND MONDAY PAPERS FEATURED DOMESTIC STORIES. SATURDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED SOVIET RESHUFFLE, RAISING GROMYKO; NYTIMES FRONTPAGED LONDON, BRITAIN WELCOMES KISSINGER TREATY PLAN BUT HOME WILL NOT LINK DEFENSE WITH OTHER ISSUES. SUNDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED SALYUT FLIGHT ENDS WITHOUT NEW MANNED TESTS.

1 A. INSIDE SATURDAY WASHPOST HAD FRENCH ATOM TESTING; SUNDAY NYTIMES HAS NATO ARMS DUPLICATION; MONDAY TIMES HAS POSEIDON SHOT FAILS. SOME COMMENT KISSINGER PROPOSAL.

2. WEAPONS. SUNDAY NYTIMES HAD BRUSSELS AP STRESSING US AND NATO ALLIES ARE WASTING MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BY COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER IN ARMS MANUFACTURES AND BY NOT UNIFYING THEIR ARMED FORCES, ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE, AS OFFICIALS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS WHO REPORTED THE ESTIMATE REFUSED TO SAY WHICH OF THE 15 MEMBERS HAD MADE IT. THEY CITED AS A PRIME EXAMPLE COMPETITION IN

ANTITANK WEAPONS AS US BRITAIN FRANCE ARE TRYING TO SELL SIMILAR MODELS TO OTHER NATIONS, SAID AP, ADDING THAT OFFICIALS ARE ALSO ASKING WHY NETHERLANDS HAS PLANES THAT CAN CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHY GREECE NEEDS SUBMARINES, AND WHY BONN BENELUX BUY EXPENSIVE HELICOPTERS TO TRANSPORT GROUND TROOPS. ACCORDING AP, US OFFICIALS CONTEND THAT BOTH COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND NATIONAL PRIDE ARE BEHIND MUCH OF THE RESISTANCE TO ARMS SPECILIZATION.

2 A. MONDAY NYTIMES HAS CAPE KENNEDY AP REPORTING NUCLEAR SUBMARINE MARSHALL LAUNCHED A POSEIDON MISSILE SATURDAY BUT A PROBLEM CAUSED IT TO FALL SHORT OF ITS TARGET. AP SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO NAVY THERE WAS AN UNEXPLAINED MALFUNCTION IN SECOND- STAGE FLIGHT OF THIS SHOT FIRED WHILE SUB WAS SUBMERGED, THIS BEING ONLY THE SECOND FAILURE IN 32 SUBMARINE FIRINGS OF POSEIDON.

2 B. ST. LOUIS POST- DISPATCH EDITORIAL APRIL 24 SAYS ABM TREATY, FAR FROM RELIEVING BURDENS OF ARMS RACE IS BEING USED BY MILITARY AS EXCUSE FOR FURTHER SPENDING ON STRATEGIC WEAPONS-- WEAPONS THIS COUNTRY HAS AGREED TO OUTLAW. IT WOULD BE NAIVE, EDITORIAL SAYS, NOT TO EXPECT UNCLASSIFIED

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PEMTAGON TO URGE-- IN NAME OF NATIONAL SECURITY-- ABROGATING THE TREATY. MEANWHILE FOR SAKE OF ECONOMY MILITARY HOSPITALS ARE BEING CLOSED, ONE SUCH CLOSING WILL SAVE 2,800,000 WHICH IS ALMOST 100 TIMES LESS THAN WHAT MILITARY WANTS TO SPEND THIS YEAR ON TWO ABM PROGRAMS US PLEDGED NOT TO DEPLOY. SAME DAY THIS PAPER HAD ANOTHER EDITORIAL REPEATING ITS OPPOSITION TO KEEPING 215,000 SOLDIERS AND

134,000 DEPENDENTS IN WEST GERMANY.

3. TESTING. SATURDAY WASHPOST HAD PARIS ITEM IN ROUNDUP, HEADED FRENCH A- TESTS, SAYING NEW ZEALAND'S WATT, AFTER MEETING WITH POMPIDOU TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR TESTING IN SOUTH PACIFIC, SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD REFER MATTER TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, IN ABSENCE OF ASSURANCES FRANCE WOULD REFRAIN FROM TESTING IN ATMOSPHERE.

4. KISSINGER PROPOSAL. SATURDAY NYTIMES LONDON ON HOME'S REMARKS REPORTED SIR ALEC TOUCHED A SOURCE OF CONCERN IN ALLIANCE-- THAT US MIGHT MOVE TOO QUICKLY IN TALKS WITH SOVIET UNION ON REDUCTIONS IN ARMS AND FORCES, WITH RESULTING AGREEMENTS THAT COULD ENDANGER EUROPEAN SECURITY, ACCORDING SHUSTER WHO ADDS THIS FEAR LINGERS DESPITE KISSINGER'S PLEDGE THAT US WOULDN'T SACRIFICE THE INTERESTS OF ITS FRIENDS IN PURSUIT OF SUPERPOWER DIPLOMACY. IN TRAILER FROM BONN, NYTIMES BINDER NOTES BRANDT SEES NO SUBSTITUTE FOR NATO IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE; RATHER HE HOPES THAT CSCE, SET TO OPEN IN JUNE, WILL BRING TO PLAY PEACEFUL ENERGIES THAT WILL ARCH OVER THE MILITARY BLOCS CONFRONTING EACH OTHER IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

5. COMMENT. NEWSWEEK CONCLUDES ITS ARTICLE ON KISSINGER PROPOSAL BY SAYING KISSINGER MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED MORE IN STATING THE PROBLEM THAN IN OFFERING TERMS FOR A SOLUTION.

5 A. TIME MAGAZINE OBSERVED: PERHAPS KISSINGER PROPOSAL IS UNREALISTIC IN SENSE THAT EUROPE-- LIKE JAPAN-- IS STILL A LONG WAY FROM BEING ABLE OR WILLING TO EXERCISE FULL MEMBERSHIP IN AN EARLIER AMERICAN CONCEPT OF A 5- POWER WORLD.

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5 B. WEDNESDAY CHITRIBUNE EDITORIAL TERMED IT SIGNIFICANT THAT, WHILE DISCUSSIONS WITH MOSCOW LIE AHEAD, THREE TIMES KISSINGER REFERRED TO ADVERSARIES OR POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES, TRIBUNE COMMENTING THAT THIS REFLECTS A MORE REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF AMERICA'S POSITION VIS- A- VIS SOVIET UNION THAN HAS SOMETIMES SEEMED TO APPLY.

5 C. SUNDAY BALTIMORE SUN SAID THAT IN PUSHING FOR NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER WE MUSTN'T PERMIT ATTENTION TO BE DEFLECTED FROM THE DETAILED AGREEMENTS THAT MUST BE ACHIEVED TO GIVE IT REAL MEANING.

5 D. MARQUIS CHILDS COLUMN IN FRIDAY BALTSUN STRESSES COMING THREE TO FOUR YEARS OFFER GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO

KNIT TOGETHER WHAT HAS BEEN STARTED BEFORE BREZHNEV,
CHOU AND BRANDT PASS FROM THE SCENE. CHILDS ADDS THAT IF
BREZHNEV COMES HERE IN MIDSUMMER A FOREMOST OBJECTIVE
WILL BE TO ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH IN STALLED NEGOTIATIONS
OF SALT TWO, SAYING WITHOUT INTERVENTION AT TOP GENEVA
TALKS CAN GO ON, AS DID SESSION JUST ENDED, WITH WEARYING
REPETITION OF OLD AND IMPOSSIBLE POSITIONS FROM BOTH SIDES
OF CONFERENCE TABLE. ROGERS

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